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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Doeberitz airfield between 19 and 31 July 1953:

19 July. Two Il-10s were parked on the eastern edge of the field and the fuselage of an Il-10s without engine or wings was observed at the northern edge of the field.

20 July. At about 7 p.m., a group of soldiers installed an engine in the fuselage of the Il-10 which was observed on 19 July at the northern edge of the field. No additional aircraft were observed at the field.

23 July. No aircraft were parked at the field at about 6:30 p.m.

25 July. Four Il-10s approached the field 25X1 from the west and landed at about 11:30 a.m. 25X1

The pilots were hauled in two sedans through the tunnel to the Eichthoren Kaserne.

27 July. At about 8:30 a.m., no aircraft or air activity was observed.

30 July. At about 6:30 p.m., a Po-2 was observed aloft. After the landing, it parked at the northern edge of the field, next to the entrance of the tunnel.

31 July. At about 6:30 p.m., no aircraft were observed. At 7 p.m., 7 or 8 Il-10s approached individually from the west and landed at the field. They then taxied, from the western edge along the hangars on the southern edge, to a truck which was parked at the southeastern corner of the field. There, the planes stopped for some time while their propellers continued running. One or two men of the truck went up to the individual aircraft and spoke with the pilot who opened their cabin. Afterwards, the planes taxied back to the take-off point and took off heading west. About 15 minutes after the last

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plane of the first group had taken off, another group of ground attack planes arrived and repeated the described procedure. All aircraft had red-bordered orange numbers and the propeller hubs were of various colors, namely red, yellow, blue or green. [redacted]

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2. On 19 July, Soviet soldiers were laying a 4-strand [redacted] wire line along the western edge of the field. The wire was fitted on the inner side of the poles of the fence and extended to the hangars. The fence was supported by newly set poles which were about 1.5 meters high. This work continued on 20 and 25 July. Another group of soldiers worked on the bunkers which are used for quartering purposes in the vacated AA gun emplacement on the western edge of the field. On 20 July, fuel was being transferred from a dug-out tank into two containers on blocks at the northern edge of the field. The containers had an estimated capacity of 10 cubic meters each.
3. At about 9:30 p.m. on 31 July, [redacted] the following buildings 25X1 of the barracks installations in Doeberitz were dark or lighted:

Richthofen Kaserne. Buildings Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 27, 28, 29 and 33 were dark. Lights were observed on the first floor and in 2 rooms on the second floor of building No 16a, the first floor of building No 18, 1 room of building No 19, 1 room on the second floor of building No 53, first floors of buildings Nos 32 and 20, the second floor of building No 2, 1 room of building No 8, and 2 rooms on the second floor of building No 9.

NSKK Kaserne. Buildings Nos 79, 80, 80a, 82 and 83 were dark. The only lights were in 1 room of building No 78, 3 dwellings in building No 81, and in building No 85b.

Kraftfahr Lehr Kaserne. Buildings Nos 55, 56, and 57 were dark. The only lights were in 2 dwellings of buildings Nos 54 and 54a, the second floor of building No 58, 1 room in building No 59, the kitchen in building No 60, and 6 or 8 rooms on the first floor and on the second floor in building No 61.

Herold Platz. Buildings Nos 105, 106, 107 and 108 were dark. There were lights in buildings Nos 102, 103, 104 and 109.

Hindenburg Platz. Buildings Nos 72, 73, 75, 76 and 68 were lighted and singing was heard from the barracks yard. Two sentries, including 1 air force soldier and 1 soldier, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, were posted at the entrance.²

4. The following observations were made in the artillery equipment park between 25 and 31 July:

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25 July. At 7 p.m., truck [redacted] occupied by 1 officer and 2 air force soldiers in addition to the driver, and loaded with copper plates, duralumin plates and aircraft tires, left the artillery equipment park and proceeded on Highway No 103 toward the west. About 2 km west of Wustermark the vehicle turned to the southwest toward Etzin-Brandenburg.

29 July. At 7 p.m., trucks [redacted] with trailers were 25X1 observed near the quartering buildings in the artillery equipment park. The trucks were loaded with 3 crates, each 100 x 150 x 300 cm, painted air

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force blue, and reinforced with black plates at the edges. Three grips were at each longitudinal side and a hole, about 25 cm square on the front side with a small black frame, about 20 x 30 cm, in the right upper corner of the front side. The crates were unloaded by a crane in front of the western garages and left there.

20 July. At about 6:05 p.m., truck [redacted] loaded with two of the afore mentioned crates left the artillery equipment park and proceeded to the east. Later there were only 6 crates observed in front of the garages.

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31 July. Trucks [redacted] loaded with tarpaulins barbed wire, bare wire, insulating buttons or porcelain, and crates, left the artillery equipment park and moved on Highway No 103 toward the west. 3

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5. On 25 July, [redacted] at Doeberitz airfield a short time ago that, according to members of Unit Kazavitzki, only a rear detail of the unit was still quartered in the barracks installations in Doeberitz and that this rear detail was expecting the arrival of a new unit. 4

6. The following observations were made at the field on 31 July and 5 August:

31 July. At about 4:30 p.m., no aircraft were parked in front of the closed hangars or on the landing field and there was no air activity observed. No activity was observed on the loading ramp or at the workshops. The barracks installations appeared to be deserted.

5 August. The air force barrack installations were lightly occupied. No aircraft were parked at the field. Captain Rengewitz (fmu) was observed in the billeting area. Paymaster Captain Molik (fmu) was seen in the workshops and Major Prokhodtsev (fmu) had been transferred. Fourteen engine crates were stored in the open. [redacted] Major Panchenko (fmu) and Captain Borisov (fmu) belonged to the air force headquarters on Thaelmann Platz in Elstal. The brick buildings south of Herold Platz were heavily occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Captain Nushnykh (fmu) was the accountant in the artillery equipment park in Doeberitz. Two AA gun emplacements at the field were occupied by 37-mm AA guns. 5

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25X1 7. In late July, [redacted] in Hoppenrade that the Adcock DF station was removed.

25X1 8. On 24 July, [redacted] a construction superintendent of the "Kech" agency in Werder that, the billeting buildings on Hindenburg Platz were still occupied by an air force division headquarters and that the "Kech" officer of this headquarters was Major Panchenko (fmu). 6

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[redacted] Doeberitz airfield was originally scheduled to be occupied by Volkspolizei, that this plan, however, was given up, and that the VP personnel were to be quartered in the former settlement in Elstal. [redacted] 25X1 Doeberitz airfield as well as Schoenwalde airfield were not to be re-occupied by Soviet Air Force units but that the fields were to be used by army troops. 7

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25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. In late May 1953, Doeberitz airfield was vacated by the ground attack regiment which transferred to Brandenburg-Briest. Probably, ground attack planes still land at Doeberitz airfield.

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25X1A 2. [] Comment. The numbers of the buildings are keyed to a sketch which was forwarded previously.

25X1A 3. [] Comment. An air force equipment depot of the ground attack corps of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is located in the former artillery equipment park. [] The motor vehicle [] belong to the ground attack units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. 25X1

25X1A 4. [] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Kazavitzki is chief of the ground unit of the ground attack regiment, [] which transferred from Doeberitz to Brandenburg-Briest in late May 1953. 25X1

25X1A 5. [] Comment. Captain Borisov and Captain Molik are reported for the first time. Captain Nushnykh was [] the consignee of a coal shipment for Doeberitz in January 1953. At that time, [] Nushnykh was assigned to the artillery equipment park. Major Panchenko probably belongs to the ATD headquarters. Major Prokhotsev was previously reported [] as chief of the workshops in Doeberitz. Captain Rengewitz has been responsible for the billeting buildings of Doeberitz airfield since the transfer of the ground attack regiment. The workshops mentioned in the present report are located in the northeastern corner of Doeberitz airfield. According to various other reports, jet engines are being overhauled in these workshops. [] 25X1 25X1

25X1A 6. [] Comment. The information that the buildings on Hindenburg Platz are occupied by an air force division headquarters is believed to be possible. [] states in paragraph 3 of the present report that five buildings on Hindenburg Platz were lighted after nightfall which indicates that the buildings were occupied. It was previously assumed that the headquarters of the ATD (avia technical division) which is assigned to the ground attack corps was quartered there. 25X1

25X1A 7. [] Comment. So far, no information has been received which indicates that Doeberitz airfield is intended to be occupied by VFL or army units. Schoenewalde airfield has already been occupied by the bulk of the 31st AAA Div. It is not believed that air force units are stationed there.

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